

Question: Why was there a blank space in our overflying Cuba from September 5 to October 14?

The normal routine for over two years had been two flights per month. In September actually flew more than that.

The first flight was the 5th of September. It covered most of the island, but heavy cloud covered over Eastern Cuba, including Banes, of which intelligence community was suspicious as suitable place for sub-base. For rest of September intelligence community gave Eastern Cuba priority.

Second flight scheduled for 6 September over Eastern Cuba. Delayed because of cloud cover, ^{OVER SPOT wanted to photo.} Finally flew on 17 September.

Results of this flight also poor due to clouds.

Third flight therefore ^{also} scheduled over Eastern Cuba. It was delayed due to clouds, ^{OVER SPOT} but flew on September 26.

Fourth flight over Cuba in September was flown over Isle of Pines and part of western portion of main island on September 29.

Thus there were total of four overflights in September, more than had been normal for some time. In addition there were also several peripheral flights which took pictures several miles inland, as was usual.

In October, ^{about} first flight was on October 5 covering eastern end of Cuba-- which intelligence community still not completely satisfied.

Intelligence community then became concerned about Western Cuba and ^{OK} October 9 recommended another flight for western end of the island. This was approved. It was slightly delayed due to weather, ^{OVER SPOT} and flew on October 14.